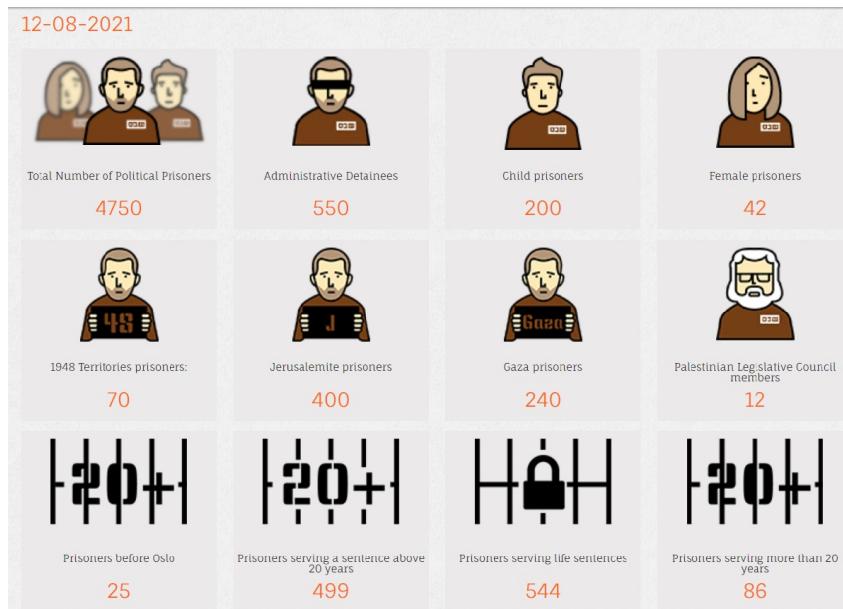


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Throughout the past weeks, the Israeli occupation regime has drastically escalated the issuance and confirmation of administrative detention orders against Palestinians. In response, several Palestinian political prisoners initiated hunger strikes to protest their ill-treatment and arbitrary administrative detention. The longest-running among them was Ghadanfar Abu Atwan. As the situation progresses, as of early August 2021, 12 Palestinian prisoners are currently on hunger strike.



General Update on Palestinian Prisoners Held Arbitrarily in Israeli Occupation Prisons

Currently, 4,750 Palestinian political prisoners remain imprisoned in Israeli prisons, including 42 women prisoners and 200 children. The escalation of new and renewed administrative detention orders contributes to the current 550 administrative detainees, among them 4 children and 1 woman detainee.

Concurrently, the IOF conducted arbitrary arrest campaigns targeting Palestinian civil society and student groups, including the most recent mass arrest campaign against Birzeit University students on 18 July 2021. The arrest campaign, coupled with individual arbitrary arrests of prominent civil society leaders and student activists, represents an intensifying crackdown against all facets of Palestinian society.



[**IOF Launch Mass Arrest Campaign Against Birzeit University Students Visiting Site of Israeli Home Demolition**](#)

On 14 July 2021, the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) launched a mass arrest campaign of Birzeit University students returning by bus from a solidarity visit to a recently demolished family home in Turmus Ayya in the occupied West Bank. During the operation, the IOF forced all students to exit the bus, violently searched and physically assaulted them, and arrested over 45 Palestinian students. About 33 students remain in extended detention after the postponement of their military court hearing to Sunday, July 18, 2021. The violent arrest and targeting of Palestinian students, particularly Birzeit University students, highlights the surveillance and targeting of Palestinian students, student mobilization, and expression.

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[**Israeli Prison Service Denies Humanitarian Release Appeal for Political Prisoner Khalida Jarrar to Attend her Youngest Daughter's Funeral**](#)

On 12 July 2021, following several communications submitted to the Israeli Prison Service (IPS) for the temporary humanitarian release of Palestinian political prisoner Khalida Jarrar to attend her recently deceased daughter's funeral, the IPS denied Khalida's release on political grounds, citing the alleged "security threat" she poses due to her "[negative] leadership role" inside and out of prison. The denial of Khalida's release to mourn the sudden death of her daughter and participate in her burial stands in stark violation of the protected recognition of human dignity and family rights under international law.

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